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In re the Application of:

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MODULATING STABILITY AND  
TURNOVER OF RNA MOLECULES

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Examiner: Marjorie A. Moran

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Madam:

In response to the telephone discussion with the Examiner on 9/26/02 Applicants kindly request that the following amendments be entered and remarks considered for the above-identified application. Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's contention that the proposed amendments to claims 48 - 50 introduce new matter, in the interest of expediting the issuance of the patent, applicants have canceled claims 48 - 50 without prejudice to their future prosecution.

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